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[Our Mexican Correspondence.]
CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 18, 1850.

Mr. Editor:—The day before yesterday we celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the glorious "grito de Dolores," the first call of that humble curate Hidalgo, who wrested the diamond of New Spain from the Spanish crown. Besides considerable subscriptions, the government allowed \$4000 for the worthy celebration of this day, and half of said amount has been distributed among poor invalids who fought for the sake of liberty. It appears that all over the republic great preparations had been made to celebrate the day in a more than usual solemn manner, and at Vera Cruz the new railroad from that port to San Juan was inaugurated on that day. In this city the great procession of all the authorities to the Alameda, and the passos in the afternoon, as well as the fireworks on the square in the evening, went off admirably, protected by the finest weather, and the newspapers are full of speeches made on the occasion. This did not however prevent the robbers from attacking the diligence which left that day for Puebla. They stopped the carriage at about a league from the gates, stripped the passengers of everything they carried, and then quietly returned to town to spend their ill-gotten booty in gambling and drinking. The police here, instead of watching the thieves and rogues, crowded into the public places where peaceable citizens were walking with their families.

Don Luis de la Rosas, Mexican Minister at Washington, has obtained leave of absence, and Jose Maria Gonzales de la Vega has been named in his stead. Our Minister at London, Mr. Mora, has suddenly died, and our former Consul, Mr. Thomas Murphy, has been appointed in his place.

The American government has named Mr. Barnett Riddell as American Consul at Chihuahua, who has received his exequatur. The northern states are in a dreadful situation, from the continual invasions of the Indians, who have destroyed all the solitary ranchos, carrying off their cattle and horses, and attacking travellers up to the very gates of Chihuahua and Durango. The government has given orders to carry on the war against the Camanches, Apaches and Lipanes, but to do their utmost in making peace with the other Indian tribes. Almost the same can be said of Sonora, where the Apaches appear to be lords, laying contributions on all the minor pueblos, ranchos, and haciendas.

The new Turkish Minister to the United States has arrived at Marseille, in France, and was to proceed immediately to his destination. The elections for the new Presidency are taking up the attention of everybody. As far as reports go, Gen. Bravo has the votes of almost all the townships and villages in this state, Puebla, Guerrero, &c., General Arista and General Almonte, in Guanajuato, Zacatecas, Aguas Calientes, and Gomez Pedraza in various parts of Mexico, particularly the capital, Morelia.

A letter I have just received from

Havana, dated Aug. 31, gives the amount of cost of the new line of fortifications at more than eighty-two millions of dollars, speaks of the destruction of a large house by fire, and that seven more of the Contox prisoners have been released, while three have been condemned to eight years hard labor. The Spanish government is going to ask reparation at Washington for the expenses incurred in defending Cuba against General Lopez, whose delivery they also pretend, but I am afraid they will preach to deaf ears. Yours respectfully,
OBSERVADOR.

CURIOUS CASE OF CONSPIRACY.

A conspiracy which, if true, shows a degree of villainous daring on one side, and the most imbecile weakness on the other, almost unparalleled, was brought before the notice of Justice Beakley at the Jefferson Market court-room, on Thursday last, and attracted considerable attention. On that day, Mr. Ira Topping, a gentleman residing at Tammany Hotel, appeared before the magistrate and entered a complaint for conspiracy against two persons, one of them, a genteel looking female, named Mary Jane Livingston alias Starr, and the other an elderly man named James T. Boyd, one of the clerks of the Supreme Court, in this city, under the following circumstances.

About the latter part of 1847, or the beginning of 1848, the accused female came to his residence, then at 67 Jane street, and inquired for him. She was immediately shown into the parlor, where an interview took place, in which she professed to be familiarly acquainted with every action of his life, and knowing him to be the owner of considerable property, demanded a portion of it, threatening at the same time if he refused, to go into court and prefer a charge against him that would ruin his reputation forever, and destroy the peace of his quiet and happy family. It was in vain that the complainant remonstrated and entreated his tormentor not to pursue such a course. She continued to visit his place, and even in the presence of his wife, threatened to have him sent to the State's Prison unless her demands were acceded to.

By these means she acquired such an influence over his mind that at various times he gave her large sums of money, which were coerced out of him by fear of exposure. Mr. Boyd, who acted as legal adviser of the woman, Starr, was also charged with conspiring with her in accomplishing the ruin of Mr. Topping, by getting possession of his property. In order to show some of the means resorted to by the accused for the accomplishment of their ends the complainant states that on one occasion they induced him to go to a house in South Second street, Williamsburg, where the woman procured a quantity of arsenic, which she said she was going to take, and then send a letter, already written, to the Chief of Police, charging him with poisoning her, so as to have him indicted for murder.

At last the unfortunate man felt himself so dreadfully persecuted and driven almost to despair, that he conveyed his house and lot, No. 67 Jane street, also a handsome establishment in Fourth street, valued altogether at \$30,000, through one Appleby to the woman Livingston, alias Starr. After the conspirators had succeeded in getting the complainant to sign over the property, they called on his wife and represented to her that her husband had sold the property to them. By these representations they obtained her signature, and thus rendered the deed perfect. Mr. Topping was thus turned out of house and home, but the successful villains, as if not satisfied with their ill-gotten goods, made him also build a house in Sullivan county, for the residence of the parents of Livingston alias Starr.

Justice Beakley, on hearing the complaint, issued his warrant for the arrest of the accused, who were shortly afterward taken into custody by officers Davie and Wyman, of the Second District Police Court. Boyd was yesterday held to bail in the sum of \$5000, which was procured,

and the female was locked up in default of the same amount. The premises so feloniously obtained were levied upon by Deputy Sheriff Cunningham, and Mr. Topping and his family had the pleasure of being reinstated in their old home. A further examination will take place in a few days, when some particulars in relation to this tangled web of mystery will be elicited.—[N. Y. Tribune.]

Death in a Family.—The Dayton Journal relates the sad case of the death of nearly an entire family some days ago in Wayne township, Montgomery county, about six miles from Dayton. Mr. Sheets, the father, was first seized with what was regarded as cholera morbus. He was relieved, and soon after rode into Dayton and back to his home on a very hot day, taking a hearty supper on his return. That night he had another and more severe attack of his former complaint, and his father was sent for to assist in nursing him. The elder Mr. Sheets was attacked with cholera soon after he reached his son's house, and died. The son did not long survive the father. A German, who had been sent to assist in taking care of the sick, was attacked with cholera after the death of the younger Sheets, and refusing to take medicine, he was soon numbered with the dead. The wife of the younger Sheets, and one of the children, were next seized.—Two citizens of Dayton, Capt. Reed and L. Humes, passing that way on Friday, went into the house, and found the mother delirious, one child dying, another, a boy about eight years old, sitting by his mother, fanning her, and a little girl, younger than the boy, endeavoring also to render some service. Both died on Saturday—the mother and the sick child.

A GREAT WHISTLE.—A steam whistle of great power, capable of being sufficiently charged in from twenty seconds to a minute, by one man, and to sound the whistle as often as would be needed in the space of ten minutes, has been invented by Mr. Daboll, for light-ships and light-houses. The Journal of Commerce says it consists of a double acting condensing air pump, of sufficient power to fill, in the time above mentioned, an air chamber of capacity large enough to give due effect to a whistle capable, from its power and shrillness, of being heard a distance of fourteen miles. The sounds produced by the machine can be varied by the substitution of a trumpet or organ pipe, producing a peculiar roar or yell, and perhaps also by introducing shakes of a greater or less duration in the whistle itself. The position of each light-ship might be determined by its peculiar whistle, at intervals of so many minutes, as readily as the light-houses by their steady or revolving lights. A provision has been made for the addition of another air chamber, if needed, to increase the charge and lengthen the time of the whistle sounding. The machine is some two feet and a half across, and three and a half feet high, with two balance wheels, about seven feet in diameter, for driving the air pumps. It is sufficiently weighty not to be shaken by the motion made in working it. The machine can be made for about \$600, and, in that case, no doubt, in addition to their adoption for the government light-ships, its use will be insisted on by underwriters, as quite as essential to the safety of the ships as a due supply of sails, cordage, spars, anchors, &c.

CHOLERA.—The Memphis Express of the 2d instant, says: The cholera is spreading to an alarming extent in Chicot county, Arkansas. On the plantation of Mr. Honeycut, a few miles above Columbia, every white member of the family, four in all, have died, and several of the negroes; four corpses, three whites and one negro, being in the house at one time. On the plantation of Silas Craig, nine negroes had died, and four negroes died on the plantation of J. A. Craig. A number of deaths from the scourge had taken place from that county. It is said that the victims were sick but a few hours in most cases.

COLD WATER JOKE.

Somewhere about here, writes a southern correspondent, lives a small farmer, of such social habits that his coming home intoxicated was once no unusual thing. His wife urged him in vain to sign the pledge. Why you see, he would say, I'll sign it after a while, but I don't like to break right off at once, it aint wholesome. The best way always to get used to a thing by degrees you know. Very well, old man, his helpmate would rejoin, see if you don't fall into a hole one of these days, while you can't take care of yourself, and nobody near to take you out. Sure enough, as if to verify the prophecy, a couple of days after, returning from a glorious frolic, the old fellow reeled into his own well, and after a deal of scrambling, shouted for the light of her eyes to come and help him out. Didn't I tell you so? said the good old soul, showing her capfrill over the edge of the parapet; you've got into a hole at last, and it's only lucky I'm in hearing or you might have drowned, you old dog you! Well, she continued, after a pause, letting down the bucket, take hold. And up he came higher at every turn of the windlass, until the old lady's grasp slipping from the handle, down he went to the bottom again. This occurring more than once, made the temporary occupant of the well suspicious. Look here, he screamed in a fury at the last splash you're doing that on purpose, I know you are! Well, now I am, responded the old woman tranquilly, while winding him up once more. Don't you remember telling me it's best to get used to things by degrees? I'm afraid if I was to bring you right up on a sudden you wouldn't find it wholesome! The old fellow could not help chuckling at his principle, and protested he would sign the pledge on the instant if she would lift him fairly out. This she did, and packed him off to swear in, wet as he was. For you see, she added, very emphatically, if you ever fall into the well again, I'll leave you that—I will.—[Knickerbocker.]

INTELLIGENT DOGS, WHO BECOME JEALOUS.—Several years ago, Judge Hopkinson owned two dogs, both of them remarkable for their intelligence. Oscar carried letters and newspapers from his master's house to a friend who lived several squares distant. He barked when he reached the house, was admitted, allowed the parcel to be untied from his neck, and waited patiently for an answer, returned home, gave notice of his arrival by barking, and was ready to go again on similar errands. Spring, the other dog, was a short-legged, half terrier; he possessed memory, and the reflective powers in a greater degree. A lady about half a mile distant from his master's house being very fond of animals, always paid great attention to Spring, when he was on a visit with his master or mistress. Finding this very agreeable, he took it into his head to make his visits alone. Without any tuition, he raised himself on his hind legs, and attempted to ring the bell, but all his efforts could only produce a jarring of the wires. Being an unusual sound, the servant within sight of the bell below, went to the street door to ascertain the cause, and Spring rushed in. After that, as his visits were generally at the same hour, the rattling of the bell was the signal for the dog's admittance. He paid these visits for several years, and was always received with great kindness. About two years ago, on entering the house, he found the family caressing a beautiful little greyhound, and although they paid Spring the same attention as formerly, he showed his displeasure at the intrusion of the new favorite, by growling, and keeping at a distance. He would neither take tea nor sugar that were offered him; but went away sulky, and never returned by himself.

GOOD.—The following notice is, or has been, posted up in the Pawtucket, R. I., Post Office. It will suit more latitudes than one: *Persons having business at this office will please be careful not to disturb the gentlemen loafers who stand about the door.

RECEIVED per ship MEMNON,

from New York.
150 dozen 1 and 2 lb cans pres'd lobsters,
50 do 2 lb cans pres'd oysters,
120 do 2 do do clams,
120 do 2 do do potatoes,
50 do 2 do do onions,
50 do 2 do do beans,
50 do 2 do do beets,
50 do 2 do do cabbage,
50 do 2 do do asparagus,
75 do pickles, hf pints, pints, quarts,
hf gallons
300 do extract coffee, a superior article.
Also, pepper sauce, tomato catsup, mustard, brandy fruits, sour crout, etc., etc.
Also, 75 doz Wells, Miller & Provost extract blackberry, a certain cure for dysentery and diarrhoea. For sale by
D. R. Provost,
67 1/2 m Battery street, Clark's point.

LARGE, MEDIUM and SMALL TENTS, &c.—

2 large round tents, water proof
3 army tents, 7x8
6 wall do 8x8, with fly
3 do do 8x8, without fly
3 do do 8x10, with fly
5 do do 10x12, do
3 do do 10x10 do water proof
1 do do 18x12 do do
1 do do 24x12 do do
with partition
5 double hammocks
6 common pack saddles
1 American ensign, 17x10
1 pennant, 45 feet long
1 Union Jack, 6x12
4 canvas beds
100 haversacks, for sale by
Cooke Brothers & Co.,
Brick store, California st.

MRS. REGO & HAMMOND.

Milliners and Dress makers; store on the northwest corner of Clay and Pike sts have just received from New York, a choice assortment of splendid goods, consisting in part of silks, satins, velvets, ribbons, ladies fancy hats, artificial flowers, etc., etc., together with the most beautiful assortment of feathers and trimmings, to be found in San Francisco.
N. B. The subscribers are in receipt, by every steamer, of the latest New York and Paris fashions. o3 8t

WELLS & CO, Bankers, corner of

clay and montgomery sts, draw bills on Wells & Co, Boston; Drew, Robinson & Co, New York; Ludlow, Beebe & Co, Phila; Greenway & Co, Balt'e; Ellis & Morton, Cincinnati; Loker, Renick & Co, St Louis; Robinson & Co, Buffalo; Washburn & Co, Albany; H A Rathbone, New Orleans; Maclean, Maris & Co, London; and at banks in Hartford, New Haven, New London, Providence, Worcester, Plymouth, New Bedford, Salem, Portsmouth, Portland, Bangor, Keene, Concord, Belows Falls and Woodstock
Gold dust shipped and insured to New York. o1 1f

LAW BOOKS and Stationery.

Just received, a large invoice of law books, which we offer cheap for cash.
Civil code of Louisiana, New Clerk's Assistant, third edition; Louisiana digest, Sturkie on evidence, Chitty on pleading, Blackstone's commentaries, Jarman on wills, Martins on reports, Kaupman's Mazzelly, Deslax's digest, Benjamin & Sliell's digest enlarged, Deslax's general Index from 1809 to 1848, together with a large assortment, too numerous to mention, for sale wholesale and retail by
Cooke & Locout,
Booksellers and Stationers, Wells & Co. Buildings, Montgomery street. o1

RACING STOCK and Stud Horse.

—The Proprietor, at the suggestion of several gentlemen, offers the following thorough-bred racing stock for disposal by lottery, to be drawn on TUESDAY, the 15th day of October next, at the Delmonico, at 10 o'clock, A. M.:
The Black Swan, Lady Clifton and foal, own sister to the stud horse Chloroform; and the stud horse Chloroform.
260 tickets at \$25 each—three prizes.
For tickets application to be made to T. Behrens, merchant, Montgomery st. o1 3tw

CONSTABLE SALE.

—In suit F. C. Hugog vs. ship Constellation. By virtue of execution issued from Wm. M. Hoffman's Court, I shall offer for sale ship Constellation, her tackle, apparel, &c. on Friday, Oct. 18th, at 12 o'clock, M. at J. L. Riddle & Co's auction store.
Wm. Cummings, Constable.
San Francisco, Oct. 8th, 1850. o3 8t

GIBB, Importer and Commission Merchant, Brick building, Central Wharf, San Francisco.

Drafts for sale on Messrs. Watson, Thompson & Co, Glasgow, payable in London; Messrs. John Thomson, Watson & Co, Valparaiso. o1 3m

J. H. Blood & Co., Commission Merchants and Ship Agents. Office northwest corner Clay and Montgomery sts, up stairs.

L. B. HANKS
Dealers in Lumber,
Office, Bodega steam saw Mills, No. 1 Gold street. Will furnish to order any quantity of dimension stuff, or ordinary sizes, with dispatch. o4 6m

CHILL FLOUR—Fresh Chin Flour afloat, for sale, in lots to suit purchasers, by
Carroll & McDowell,
Montgomery street, next to Ross' brick building. o1 1m

DAVIS & CO., Hardware, House-

keeping and Furnishing store, Washington street, between Montgomery and Sansonets, have on hand, and are constantly receiving the following articles, viz: Chandeliers, hanging lamps, side lamps, table lamps, solar lamps, Dixon & Son's britannia ware, britannia candlesticks, do tea and coffee urns, block tin coffee urns, French coffee pots, spice boxes, nut crackers, grocers tea chests, masons trowels, co-coa dippers, nut picks, scrub brusher, wash boards, planes, cedar tubs, pails, etc.; copper and blued tacks, door locks and bolts, hammers and hatchets, circular saws, mandrills and mortice machines, first rate article; turning lathes, spittoons, copper, brass, and pewter faucets, champagne openers, a new article; sardine do, do; 120 lbs spring balances, coffin plates and plated screws, patent cots, tea bells, newspaper files, whisk brooms, etc., etc., swivel lamps, for ships and steamers; plated castors, 5, 6, and 7 bottles, silver and plated forks and silver tea and table spoons, for sale very low. Very fine boots and shoes, ladies shoes, Lemuel Gilbert's boudoir piano forte, one pair of splendid mirrors, bronzed iron hat racks, with chairs of the same; marble top centre tables, with iron pedestals, splendid gilt curtain, ornaments with clasps, bronzed and gilt candle brackets to fold, very fine cutlery in mahogany cases, egg-beaters, gold watches, double and single cases, gold guard and vest chains, diamond pins and rings. The jewelry will be sold cheap for cash. Beer pumps, plated with marble bases, with all the fixings, britannia beer mugs, hydraulic rams. Also, fresh pickled oysters, warranted lobsters in cans, chickens do, pickles of all kinds, painted wash basins, etc., etc.

We are receiving constantly from one of the largest hardware and house furnishing establishments and tool warehouse in the United States. A full assortment of the above articles, which we offer for sale, wholesale and retail, at very low rates. Drafts on New York for sale. Gold dust bought, shipped and insured by
Davis & Co.,
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The Branch establishment of Wm. H. BEEBEE & Co's New York Hat Emporium, is located on Commercial street, and is now prepared to furnish gentlemen with every style of Hats of the best quality, and at the lowest California prices.
A practical hatter, Mr. O. H. Boyd, from the New York House, is always to be found on hand for the purpose of dressing gentlemen's hats after the latest styles.
A complete assortment of Gentlemen's furnishing and fancy goods constantly for sale.

T. P. Everitt, Agent,
o1 1m Commercial street.

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and mortgage sales; purchases and exchanges of real estate effected; city scrip and state scrip bought and sold, or loans made thereon, the highest price being paid for either; approved commercial bills cashed at the lowest rate; temporary advances made on every kind of convertible security; gold dust bought; rents and notes collected; and all kinds of monetary operations effected with promptitude and dispatch.

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A. O. Gay,
or
Hervey G. Gordon,
Attorney and Counsellor at law, Wells & Co. Building, corner Clay and Montgomery streets. o2 2w

NOTICE to all whom it may concern.

—All persons having claims against the estate of George Harlan, deceased, are hereby requested to present them to the undersigned at his residence, near the Mission of San Jose, within ten months from the date hereof, or else be barred, according to law; and those indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, as above, or proceedings at law will be promptly instituted.

H. C. Smith, Administrator.
San Jose, Oct. 5, 1850. o5 1m

INFORMATION WANTED—Of

Mr. JOSEPH MORRIS, of Pennsylvania, who arrived here in September, 1848, by the overland route, since which time no intelligence has been received of him, by his anxious wife, who, at his request came out to join him. She earnestly requests any person, who may have any knowledge of his fate, or of his present residence, to communicate the same to her by letter, through the Post Office, to the care of Dr. John Baldwin, San Francisco. o8 3tw

NIGHT DRAFTS on New York,

London, Amsterdam, and other principal cities of the United States and Europe, for sale by
Gildemeister, de Fremery & Co.,
Howison's wharf, foot of Sacramento street. o1 1m

STORESHIP WM. GRAY—Sto-

rage on this storeship at the lowest rates. Apply to
J. Cowell & Co.,
corner of Jackson and Sansone sts, or
Henry D. McCobb,
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The Office of Publication is on the second story of the building, in Montgomery street, occupied by Payne & Sherwood, Auctioneers, where advertisements and communications may be left. The management of the business of the establishment will be under the charge of Mr. A. SKILLMAN.

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AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS.—Col. Joseph Grant is an Agent for Sacramento City and the valley above. D. H. Mason, Esq., will hereafter act for us in San Jose, to whom subscriptions may be paid.

REGULAR NOMINATIONS.

A friend, who feels indignant that the mongrel independent ticket should have defeated the democracy at the recent election in one of its strongholds, writes us on the subject, suggesting that those who were engaged in the movement should be "marked and remembered by the party in all time to come." For ourselves, we answer that we have no disposition to proscribe any member of the democratic party for opinion's sake, but we as frankly say, we should regret to see those men who have contributed to our defeat, placed in nomination for any responsible or lucrative office in California, where they may, by supposition even, claim the votes of the democracy, as a party. They have made the first movement towards thwarting what otherwise would have been a very fair political organization. They could not, therefore, hope to receive a united support at any future time where they themselves refused to yield it. The strongest opposition to one of the candidates on our ticket, arose from the alleged fact that he had, in times past, opposed prominent democrats in an election canvass.

If to our hands had been committed the authority to have selected a ticket for the democracy, we certainly should not have put on men for whom we voted on Monday last. As a party movement, the selection of certain candidates was peculiarly unfortunate, but this afforded no honest excuse to party men for bolting their nomination. If an apology was sought for such a course, this perhaps was as good a one as any; but the men who made use of it, must not grumble if the same rule is applied to themselves when their aspirations shall be so far gratified as to be named as the standard bearers of the democracy in any future contest. Some of our warmest personal friends were left off the ticket, and yet we did not feel at liberty to oppose the successful candidates for nomination, because of that fact.

We have no patience or sympathy with any man or set of men who profess to desire the advancement of certain principles through party organization, and then reserve the right to vote against them at the first paltry excuse that offers. We speak of this class now as party men, and the remark will apply as well to the whigs as the democrats. We might wink at the treason of a party opponent, but we should at the same time heartily despise the traitor.

The democratic party of California can never hope to perfect its organization until it endorses and supports—unless there are substantial moral reasons for the contrary—the regular nominations of the party. This must be borne in mind. So long as they turn to the right or the left, in search of one outside influence or another, so long will defeat follow us at every election. In the older States, where party nominations have been followed the democratic phalanx have been found invincible. And such will be the result here. California will not be found an exception. A good lesson may be learned by the fact, which will make us stronger in the future, if properly weighed. Treat traitorous aspirants as they deserve, make judicious nominations, and there will be no necessity for the advice to "mark and remember" those who bolt regular nominations "for all time to come."

CORRECTION.—A subscriber writes us a note, stating that the individuals who robbed the Chinaman on the Mission road, two or three days since, are not from Sydney, but one is from New York, and the other from New Orleans. We wish to charge nothing to Sydney that does not belong to it, and therefore cheerfully make the correction.

NOT BADLY DONE.

The Whigs sometimes show a little tact in managing, though as a general thing they "map out" better than they execute. In San Jose, however, they planned well and executed better. They carried that county by managing to secure the native vote. Yellow tickets with "caballos," at the top, caught the eye, pleased the fancy, and secured the enlightened suffrages of the proud descendants of the Aztecs. Some thirty miles below San Jose, at Gilroy's, there were seventy-six votes polled, of which the Democrats received five!

This result was brought about thus: A gentleman named Hoppe, dressed a la California, with sleek, greased locks, striped serape, broad brimmed sombrero, cowhide leggings, and knife in boot, to say nothing of spurs with inch and a half rowels, and raw hide lariar, was despatched to Gilroy's by the Whigs, to take care of and defend this important outpost. His instructions were to represent the party favorable to the location of the seat of Government at and upon the rancho of Gilroy. The Democratic interests at the same point were entrusted to Judge White, who proceeded to the field of operations some time after the Whig messenger. The latter, with commendable sagacity, had anticipated his arrival, and taken the precaution to warn the *hombres* that a "Locofoco" emissary might be expected soon to secure their votes, but that they must look out for him; that the Locofocos were against the advancing interests of the Gilroyans, and that they might easily ascertain this by inquiring of the gentlemen when he should arrive, at what point his party proposed to locate the State Capital.

White reached Gilroy's in "due course." Upon his arrival, according to previous arrangement, he was met and accosted by a long-spurred *hombre*, with, "Parti de want el capitol de estado a donde?" White, not having a suspicion of the deep-laid and well-planned scheme, answered like a true Irishman, "At the Pueblo de San Jose, of course." "Ah diablo!" exclaimed the Mexican, "Locofoco no good—muy malo!" and *ramoned*. The result was as has been stated. The Judge, in his report of the disasters of the day, could offer no more in extenuation than "D—n it, who would have dreamed that they were fighting for the Capitol at Gilroy's?" And thus it was that we "Locofocos" got whipped.

THE SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT.

We are gratified to perceive by the returns from this district, that our old friend, T. B. Van Buren, Esq., has been elected to the Senate by a majority of 70 votes over Wm. Fair. Mr. Van B. is a young man of ability, a clear thinker, and will make a prompt and efficient legislator. We understand, however, that his election will be contested by his opponent on the ground of illegal voting; and two affidavits are published stating that the names of a party of Sonorians were taken and believed to have been used at the Islip ferry poll. Appearances now indicate that the Senate will be whig, and it is probable that upon this fact, more than upon strict justice, will Mr. Fair depend for obtaining a seat in the Senate. When taken in connection with the fact, however, that this gentleman's residence is undoubtedly in San Francisco, and not strictly in the San Joaquin district, it may be a matter of extreme doubt whether he could hold the seat, even though every vote in the district had been cast for him.

"A Sufferer," who writes us, complaining that the assignees of certain firm have published no statement of their affairs, should have left his name at least. That he has good ground for finding fault, we think it quite likely, but there is a legal way of remedying the grievance without appealing to the press to interfere in private business. If assignees neglect or refuse to make an expose of moneys received and paid out on account of certain creditors, they can be reached by "the strong arm of the law," though that "arm" is more "gloriously uncertain," in California, we are frank to admit, than it should be.

We are requested to state that the parents of Walter and Thomas Plunkett, who were drowned on Wednesday, reside in the next bay below Buckle's Wharf. Their ages were twenty and fifteen, respectively. The bodies had not been found yesterday.

A man named Marvatt, a private soldier in the British Army, recently fell heir to an estate worth 50,000 pounds sterling. Some editors notice it as a reverse of fortune. We'd like a few reverses of that kind.

"SQUATTER" VOLUNTEERS.

It will be recollected that, upon hearing of the outbreak between the "squatters" and other citizens at Sacramento, one of our volunteer companies, seconded by sundry patriotic citizens, promptly tendered their aid to the authorities, and proceeded to the scene of the battle. These gentlemen were warmly received by the authorities, and on taking leave, after "order reigned in Warsaw," were publicly thanked. Now, however, the council begin to cavil about the payment of their expenses, intimating that some of the military drank more than a fair allowance for able-bodied men, and besides, were furnished with shirts and handkerchiefs for "a change." We copy from a recent debate in the Sacramento Common Council, to show the feeling of the magnanimous Aldermen. When they get into another row, it would perhaps be well enough to let the City Fathers fight it out themselves. That was our opinion at the time, and the *thanks* expressed in the following confirms the prudence of such a course.

Ald. Spalding inquired relative to the Gold Hunter's bill. Committee said they would report at the next meeting. Considerable discussion arose upon the payment of a bill from an ice cream, oyster and drinking saloon for refreshments furnished the soldiery from San Francisco, on their visit to Sacramento. The bill had passed, but on motion of Ald. Queen, was reconsidered. He said he had thought that a committee had been appointed to provide quarters, &c., for the volunteers, to prevent these applications which were coming in from every quarter. Every grog shop in town was sending in bills; they were stuck at him on every corner. Were they to approve them all indiscriminately? He would know what they were for—let them give the specifications—they had no idea of ministering to all the creature comforts of their esteemed guests.

Ald. Strong thought they would have a nice time passing such bills, if they set the example. He knew of cases where friends of his had placed their whole wardrobe at the disposal of the visitors, and in one case nearly an entire regiment had been shod, to say nothing of cambric handkerchiefs and sundry other apparel, etc., of which the heat of the weather made it desirable to have a change.

Ald. Tweed considered military men liable to be rather expensive in their habits, but it was not necessary to enlarge upon what linen had been interfered with, and all such particulars, not what places had been visited (the Palace, the Cottage, or the Shingle House). He did not believe that any such great quantity of bills need to be dreaded.

Ald. Spalding had formed some estimate of how much had been drunk, according to the bills from Columbia and other places. He thought such thirsty souls should be limited in their imbibings, and that the Council of Sacramento might instruct them to control their appetites.

Ald. Mackenzie expressed a disinclination generally to such bills as this one from the rosy house over the way.

Ald. Strong thought if it had been authorized by his worthy associate, why, it better pass, and have done with it.

The bill was passed, and the warrant ordered.

CHOLERA REPORTS.—Within the last two or three days reports of this scourge in our city have been rife, founded upon the death of Mr. Montgomery, of Ohio, and Mr. Erasmus Belden, of the same state, both of whom had just arrived in the Carolina, from Panama. Both died in the same room in a building at Whitehall, Commercial street. Their symptoms and death, we understand, were those of well-defined cholera.

We regret being compelled to make this announcement, but, in doing so, would advise the necessary precautions in cleanliness, and avoidance of excesses. We are illly prepared for a visit from this scourge, and although there may not be ground for fear, it will at least be no disadvantage to take such course as will tend to allay the disease in case it does make its appearance.

PASSED.—Notwithstanding the mayor of Sacramento vetoed the salary bill, the aldermen have passed it by the legal vote, over the head of the mayor, and it is now a law. The city fathers were determined to have their pickings, and they will now get them, sure.

STOCKTON.—Messrs W. C. McDougal and F. Yeiser, the members elect to the Assembly from Stockton, are both Democrats. The former is a brother of Lieut. Gov. McDougal.

SUPERIOR COURT—Oct. 10.—Before Judge Murray.—The only case before this court was that of Melhado et al. vs. J. W. Geary et al., continued from yesterday, which was not finished up to the time of our report.

RECORDED'S COURT—Hon. F. T. Tilford presiding—Oct. 10.

City of San Francisco vs. Rosario Cruzes. Assault on a lady; fined \$40.

Same vs. Robert Ogden & Robert Woolley. Drunk and disorderly; fines \$10 and \$5.

Same vs. Archibald McKay. Assault; discharged.

Same vs. Harmon Crollers and John Smith. Fines \$10 and \$20.

Same vs. Tice. Nuisance; continued.

State vs. Peter Brown. Larceny; discharged. Alexander Fisher, sent to Court of Sessions; bail \$500.

Archibald McKay, discharged.

Same vs. Michael Foley. Assault on an officer while serving a legal process. Remanded for trial to District Court. Bail \$3000.

There were 14 cases up for refusal to pay license tax, which were discharged on payment of the same.

The case of McKenzie and Hughes for robbing a Chinaman, was finally disposed of by the discharge of the former, and remanding the latter for trial in the sum of \$3000. It is greatly to be feared that these young men have not done as well in California as many others who came out with them in Col. Stevenson's regiment.

DISTRICT COURT—Judge Parsons presiding—Oct. 10. At the opening of the court Edmund Pilet, Esq., arose, and desired the attention of the court, before proceeding with the business of the day. It was his painful duty to announce to the bar of San Francisco the death of one of its most promising members. Thomas Jefferson, the only son of Thomas J. Smith, Esq., late of New York, who died that morning at 5 o'clock, after an illness of two weeks duration.

From his long acquaintance and close intimacy with the deceased (for he had known him from childhood; they were boys together at school, studied from the same books, and passed from class to class together), none could appreciate more fully than he his virtues, his mild and unostentatious attributes; none more deeply than he could sympathize with the bereaved parents for their loss. Though yet in the flower of youth, and but lately arrived in the land which allured but to destroy him, the position he had already acquired was such as bid fair to elevate him, had he not thus early been called away, to eminence in the profession to which he had already proved an ornament. He might dwell for hours on the many noble traits in the character of the deceased, but he would not; it was a theme upon which it was painful for him to dwell, for it reminded him but too forcibly how warm a personal friend he had lost in him.

On the part of his father he would invite the members of the bar of San Francisco to attend his funeral, on the morrow, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Roman Catholic church in Vallejo St.

In consequence of this announcement, on motion of Alanson Smith, Esq. the court adjourned.

ADAMS & CO.'S EXPRESS.—By a notice in another column, it will be seen that Mr. D. H. Haskell, the San Francisco partner in this well known house, returns to the states in the Carolina, which sails on Tuesday next, and will of course give his personal attention to business between the two points. Since the residence of Mr. H. amongst us, he has drawn around him many warm friends, who will greet his return to our city, with pleasure. In a business way he has secured the confidence of all. He now makes this trip to the states for the purpose of further perfecting his express arrangements.

"THE OREGONIAN."—This is the title of a newspaper about to be established at Portland, Oregon, by Mr. T. J. Dryer, for a long time past one of the editors of the Courier, in this city. We regret to say that the paper will be whig in politics, but from our knowledge of the gentleman who is to conduct it, we are satisfied that it will be edited with ability, and with that dignity and courtesy which should mark the course of every public journal. Mr. Dryer is a man of experience, of indomitable energy, and his paper will undoubtedly be a valuable acquisition to the thriving territory north of us. He will carry with him the best wishes of his editorial brethren here, as well as of a host of friends.

ELECTION RETURNS.

NAPA CITY, Oct. 7th, 1850.

Editor Picayune.—Enclosed herewith I send the vote of Napa county, at the election on to-day. The vote is not as large as we had reason to expect, owing to many citizens being absent. With respect, J. E. B.

For Capital.

NAPA, SONOMA, TOTAL.

Vallejo, 123 139 262

Clerk of the Supreme Court.

E. A. Tharp, 82 86 168

J. F. Morse, 24 24 48

Attorney General.

J. McDougal, 77 80 157

Munford, 19 19 38

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Tracey, 68 85 153

Nooney, 2 1 3

Carpentier, 3 2 5

Senator.

M. E. Cooke, 87 104 191

Ford, 1 1 2

District Attorney.

J. D. Bristol, 93 87 180

Assembly.

J. S. Bradford, 85 43 128

Seth Shepherd, 1 39 40

Wm. McDaniels, 19 31 50

SAN JUAN, Oct. 7th, 1850.

Editor Herald.—The polls have just closed at this place. The following is the result:

Capital.

Monterey, 51 San Jose, 2

Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Tharp, 38

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Nooney, 43 Bateman, 4

Attorney General.

Sutherland, 22 Crittenden, 18

District Attorney.

Ashley, 44 Hester, 6

Assembly.

Dr. Randall, 15 John A. Gray, 36

I think it probable that Gray is elected to the Assembly from this county; but the friends of Dr. Randall think that he will gain in the city of Monterey enough to overbalance Gray's majority in this place.

Yours S.

SMALL NOTES, we understand, says the Philadelphia Ledger, Aug. 28th, are taken by the brokers at about former rates of discount, and we believe continue to be received by all the weekly newspapers, in payment of single subscriptions, and in all cases where the amount of subscription sent is less than five dollars. The gold dollars are, however, gradually coming into use, and are found a most convenient and agreeable medium for small remittances by mail. Silver coin, since the large influx of gold from California, is of slightly greater market value than gold, and the banks are generally paying out gold in preference to silver, thus giving wider circulation to the gold.

CHARACTERISTIC.—The only paper that has exulted over our misfortunes in the recent conflagration is the *Stockton Journal*. There is an animal that revels upon the graves of the dead, and it may be a matter of regret to its human representative in California that we are not in a condition to submit to its sacrilegious prey. We had "risen from the ashes" ere its exultation could find utterance.

FROSTY NIGHTS.—From the feet of the weather for a few days past, there have been no doubt frosts in the valleys near. We know they have occurred in the Sierra, as they did as early as August of last year, if indeed they do not dwell there perpetually. No better remedy for the cholera could be found.

INCREASE OF CRIME.—This has been on the increase, we fear, ever since the adoption of the State Constitution. The Docket of our Recorder occupies double the pages it did a few months since, and we fear it will steadily increase. What is the proper remedy?

CHOLERA IN STOCKTON.—We learn from Mr. Todd, of the Express, that two cases of cholera had occurred in Stockton, up to Thursday. One was a passenger on board the Sutter, and the other, pronounced fatal by Dr. Ashe, was a citizen of the town. We hope its ravages may not extend.

THE COLUMBUS.—There was a rumor yesterday morning that this steamer had arrived, and several *hombres* were industriously searching for the passenger list. She will probably be in to-day.

We have got almost tired of returning thanks to Berford & Co. for favors. They are continually laying us under obligations.

THANKS.—We were indebted to Palmer & Co. last evening for papers from Sacramento by their express.

J. W. Gregory sends a special messenger in charge of his express packages on Tuesday next.

FROM SACRAMENTO.

By Last Night's Boat.

Sacramento County.—We feel confident of the election of the following named gentlemen, to the respective offices for which they were candidates. M. S. Latham, District Attorney; H. G. Robinson, to the State Senate; John Bigler, L. F. Dunlap and Chas. Robinson, to the Assembly.

El Dorado County.—Latham's majority over Wallace is about 2000; Tharp's over Morse about 1000; McDougal over all others 1800; Marvin over all others 700; Kendrick and Hale are returned to the Assembly; the entire vote of the county will not fall short of 3000.

Yuba County.—For Clerk of Sup. Court—Tharp, 461; Morse, 163.

For Attorney General—McDougal, 406; Cone, 171; Munford, 40.

Member of Assembly—McCarthy, 573; Field, 131.

Fremont.—Attorney General—McDougal, 15; Cone, 9; Munford, 4.

Clerk Superior Court.—Tharp 10; Morse, 17.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Marvin 9; Bateman 17; Butfield 1.

For Senate.—Ford, 38, Cook, 8.

For District Attorney.—Goodwin, 20.

For Members of Assembly—Craue, 33, Woodward, 31.

For Sheriff—Bordan, 49.

ACCIDENT.—On last Sunday morning, a light wagon, which Mr. McDowell, of Tuolumne City, was driving, in which was his wife and child, and three neighbor's children, was upset in the river near the town. Mr. McDowell's child, and a daughter of Mr. Gruell, of that place, were drowned. [Stockton Jour.]

OUR ELECTION.—The election on Monday last, for State, County and City Officers, passed off very quietly. Van Buren is elected to the Senate, W. C. McDougal and F. Yeiser to the Assembly. J. A. McDougal has a large majority for Attorney General. Tharp carried the entire vote for clerk of the Supreme Court. Bateman leads Tracy 62 votes for Superintendent of Public Instruction. J. M. Huntington is ahead for District Attorney. Vallejo has almost the entire vote of our county for seat of government. [Stockton Jour.]

THE MAIL STEAMER.—The Carolina leaves again for Panama, on Tuesday next, the 15th inst. The mail will close at the Post-Office at one o'clock on that day.

DIED.

In this city, on the 10th inst. of a remittent fever, after several days illness, Thomas Jefferson Smith, Jr. In the 22d year of his age, son of Thomas Jefferson Smith, Esq., formerly Judge of the marine court in New York. He was cut down young but fully prepared and resigned to his fate. New York and Washington papers will please copy.

Funeral to-day at 2 o'clock, from the Catholic church; his friends and those of his father and family, and the members of the bar are invited to attend.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

CLEARED.

THURSDAY, Oct. 10.

Ship Wataga, Thrane, Hong Kong.

Bark Alpha, Porter, Callao.

Bark John Adams, Russel, Valparaiso.

Mex brig Dos Amigos, Dansos, Mazatlan.

ARRIVED.

Ship Alhambra, Crowell, 190 ds fm N York, via Valparaiso, 55 days, to master.

Br bark Amity Hall, Johnson, 81 ds fm Hobart Town, to McKenzie & Thompson.

Bark Ellen Noyes, Lewis, 165 ds fm Boston, via Falcabuan, 58 ds, to master.

Bark Hebe, 33 ds fm Marquesas Islands, to master.

Bark Cumberland, Emery, 170 ds fm Boston, to master.

Chilian bark Amelia Louisa, Gesen, 68 ds fm Valparaiso, to Mickle & co.

Brig Juno, Byron, 26 ds fm Lahaina, to master.

Brig Lyra, Dunscomb, 164 ds from New York, via St Catherine's, 27th June, to master.

Brig Joseph Butler, Ray, 5 ds fm Oregon, to A Swain.

Brig A W Havner, Staples, 170 ds fm Prospect, Me, via Valparaiso, to master.

Brig Susan Wardell, Westcott, 6 hours fm Bodega Bay, to G W Taylor.

SPOKEN.

By the Alhambra, Sept 14th, in lat 7 40 n long 115 40 w, ship Diana fm Boston, for this port.

THE FOOTE AND BENTON AFFAIR.

In the first place, they report to the Senate as their unanimous opinion, that Mr. Foote is entirely innocent of any design or desire to assassinate Mr. Benton. But they are bound to say that at various times during the present session, Mr. Foote, without any sufficient provocation, so far as the committee are informed, indulged in personalities towards Mr. Benton of the most offensive and insulting character, such as were calculated to arouse the fiercest resentment of the human bosom. These were suffered by Mr. Benton for a long time with great forbearance.

On the 17th day of April last, Mr. Foote spoke again, and used the language which is set forth in the narrative of the committee. This language the committee consider personal and offensive, because its application to Mr. Benton could not be misunderstood, and because in effect and by application it charged him with being a calumniator. That Mr. Foote was not promptly called to order by the presiding officer, or some member of the Senate, must have been owing to the fact that the collocation of the passages in the speech was such that personality was not immediately perceived. Indeed the application of the term 'calumniator' to Mr. Benton was not made until the moment when the disorder arose. At that point, in the remarks of Mr. Foote, Mr. Benton left his seat and proceeded towards Mr. Foote in the manner already mentioned. He was not armed, nor does it appear that he ever has carried arms, but the contrary. This, however, it is believed, was not known to Mr. Foote.

The committee cannot too strongly condemn the practice of wearing arms in the Senate chamber.

MEXICAN FEMALE FOOT.--In the all nations, I think, must yield to palm to Mexico. The females of the country have the smallest and best formed ancles I have ever seen. They usually wear slippers, rarely a bootie, and these, even upon the feet of the leperas, the poorer peasant girls, must be silk or satin. The heel is generally down, the front part very low, scarcely covering the toes, and how they manage to 'hold on' to tiny little things, walking gracefully all the while, is a theorem that has puzzled many. But they do it, and we must set it down as a 'slight foot' trick.

The New York Police

Among the ladies the infatuation has not grown desperate; necklaces and earrings do not change places in the shape of stakes, nor is there yet recorded against the fair infatuates any private sacrifices to pay an honorable debt. But the gentlemen have already gone to the extreme. A few evenings since a game of brag was played at the club room of the above named hotel by three gentlemen of this city, who equals in magnitude any of the transactions that ever took place in that monster London hell, in which desperation has made classic, known as Crockford's. Two of the parties were wealthy men of leisure, and the third a tea-merchant named Mr. M——. The latter led off on a large hand by raising the brag one thousand dollars, which was met by another gentleman also named M——, while the third, named J——, increased the rise to five thousand dollars. In this way they were on stimulating each other by the attempt to drive each other to the wall with the desperation of the bets, until at length the bets upon the board, reached the enormous sum of five hundred thousand dollars. The following morning the tea-merchant awoke to the consciousness of his condition, and alarmed at the prospect of ruin, set his friends to work and effected a compromise for five thousand dollars. This is but one instance of the flush of mania that is now passing the surface of fashion at Saratoga, but it correctly represents the condition of the mania, and gives warning to those who have been touched with its influence to check it at once and lend the aid to protect society from the inundation of corruption, which followed the introduction of gaming into the present circles of society in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

—The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser says:

Secretary Webster has proposed Louis Napoleon as the arbitrator in the Portuguese claim.

A MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR.—Miss Bowlin, now of Hart County, recently took poison to destroy herself, and while under its influence, and being informed by her physician that she must die, made a disclosure which implicated Joseph Campton and Reiley Hill, of Barren County, in a murder said to have been committed some eighteen months ago. She recovered, and has since testified at a trial of Campton before an examining court. He was held to bail in \$1000. Hill was already in confinement under a charge of another murder. Miss B. came suddenly upon the men in the woods, when they had the body of a man with them; that she compelled her to swear secrecy; and that she has been in fear of her own life ever since. It is supposed that the body was that of the Rev. M. Waring, who disappeared about the time indicated.—[Frankfort, (Ky.) Commonwealth, Aug. 13.]

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